(b) if so, by when this organisation is likely to be set up; and

(c) the quantity of goods produced under IRDP per annum and approximate value of the said goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) A proposal for setting up a Rural Products Consultancy, Marketing and Techonology Society at the National Level for promoting marketing of goods under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) was considered by the Government. It has been decided that rather than establishing a new body, the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) would be enstrusted with performing the proposed marketing, consultancy etc. functions through a separte Cell established in CAPART for the purpose.

(c) Information about quantity and value of goods produced specifically under IRDP is not collected.

Foodgrains stock position

1789. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the stock position of foodgrains during the last three years, year-wise: and

(b) what measures are taken to improve the stock position of foodgrains?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The total stocks of foodgrains with public agencies as on 1st October of 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 were 24.30 million tonnes, 23.57 million tonnes, 16.96 million tonnes and 8.09 million tonnes respectively.

(b) Certain measures, such as, maximising procurement within the country, imports from abroad, judicious use of stocks etc. are being taken to improve the stock position of the foodgrains.

Import of Pesticides by Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd.

1790. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about six month ago M|s. Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd., New Delhi, has invited global tenders for import of pesticides worth several crores of rupees and if so, the names and addresses of the manufacturers|their authorised agents in India who quoted FOB as well as CIF price, product-wise and party-wise;

(b) what are the names, addresses of the manufacturers|their authorised agents in India whose quotations have been approved|accepted, product-wise and at what rates and percentage of commission offered|given or included in the price to manuaftcurers' authorised agents in India, product-wise and party-wise; and

(c) what are the names and addresses of the parties with whom IFFCO has entereed|finalised contract for formulation of technical grade of pesticides and on what terms product-wise and party-wise and period of contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) Although global tenders for the import of pesticides were invited by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd., no action for actual import was taken in view of indigenous availability of pesticides and consequently Government's decision not to import pesticides. Since no contracts were concluded on the basis of these quotations, the question of giving names, addresses of the manufacturers|their authorised agents in India, rates etc. does not arise.